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Roxbury,
Dec. 18, 1867.

My dear friend Love,

Accept my thanks
for your whole-hearted welcome
on my return home from my visit
to Europe. I enjoyed everything
abroad, and had no slips or draw-
backs by the way, except getting my
feet somewhat crippled in grand
and glorious Switzerland by over-
much climbing of mountains. It
added immensely to my enjoyment,
of course, that I had Fanny and
Frank with me. My health was
greatly improved by the excursion,
though I have not felt so well since
my return home, owing to the extra-
ordinary severity of the weather.
Attractive and even fascinating as
I found things abroad, with no end

to sightseeing, I am rejoiced to get back. Frank returned with me, with his health completely restored.

Fanny and her husband will spend the winter in Paris and Italy, and return to us in the spring. Mr. Villard's father died in Munich in September.

You lay out for me a good deal of work, in the programme of meetings you send, with reference to the cause of Peace, Equal Rights, Temperance, &c. But though, in all these movements I take a deep interest, as well as in many others, I can give you no encouragement as to my attendance at any of the meetings aforesaid. I am appealed to, in a similar way, in various directions, on all sorts of subjects; but I have to return the same answer. I have also declined

all lecturing overtures at the West,
not wishing to be absent again from
home after so long a separation
and so short a return, and not
feeling sufficiently well to encounter
so much fatigue and exposure.
Besides, I am now seriously thinking
of consecrating the ensuing
year to writing a History of the
Anti Slavery Struggle, according to
contract with Ticknor and Fields; in
which case I must not allow myself
to be diverted from a work that will
require so much time and labor.
I shall do what I can, incidentally,
by my pen and voice, to further the
various objects so dear to my heart.
The cause of the Freedmen is, in
itself, one of transcendent importance,
and, for the time being, of pressing
exigency. "Who is sufficient for these

things?" Yet, if our sufficiency
be of God "what may not be ac-
complished, even by the humblest
instrumentalities.

I am mortified and astonished, be-
yond measure, in seeing Elizabeth
Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony
travelling about the country with that
Larlegum and semi-lunatic, George
Francis Train, in advocacy of Roman
Rights, denouncing Republicanism
and ^{lauding} Copperheadism, and assailing
Henry Ward Beecher and Wendell
Phillips as no longer true to ~~the~~ cause.
They seem to have taken leave of com-
mon sense.

The health of my dear wife is very
good, though she is as much crippled as
ever. She joins me in kindest regards
to you and your wife.

Yours, for eternal progress
(A. T. Love) Wm. Lloyd Garrison